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VIETNAM ONE HEALTH UNIVERSITY NETWORK



## OUR NETWORK



**20** Participating  
Universities



**15** Student One



**22** Engaged  
Faculties



**11** Planned




## HIGHLIGHTS

- Submitted all documents for OHW-NG Year 1 work-plan to Ministry of Health for approval
- Re-organized the executive board and NCO structure
- One Health student clubs participated in activities to increase awareness and understanding of COVID-19



## ACTIVITY UPDATES

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- Attended OHW-NG Year 1 Workplanning Meeting with Secretariat and OHW-NG Global Consortium partners 12-13 November in Bangkok, Thailand
  - VN Activity 1.2.3 Support student One Health clubs to innovate and participate in the open One Health Academy: Activities were undertaken to increase understanding and awareness of the COVID-19 outbreak
  - VN Activity 1.4.2 One Health practice at OH-fieldsite in Nghe An: Supported a training course for lecturers, local health and veterinary staff who will support and guide students to apply to the One Health concept OHCC in the field (this activity is ongoing)
  - VN Activity 1.3.1 Workshop on finalizing the teaching materials for training courses on applying One Health core competencies to develop the zoonotic disease prevention plan for health and veterinary staff: Organized workshop to review the material for the training courses on applying One Health core competencies to develop a zoonotic disease prevention plan for health and veterinary fields (this activity is ongoing)
  - VOHUN has re-structured the executive board and National Coordinating Office by increasing the members on the executive board and hiring three more full-time staff to support implementation of the VOHUN workplan.

## NEXT STEPS

The COVID-19 outbreak has led to the delay of implementation of some planned activities. As a result, VOHUN has encouraged faculty and student to propose alternative activities to promote virtual sharing and learning around COVID-19 topics.

VOHUN plans to continue to encourage One Health Student Clubs to engage in activities to further understand the COVID-19 outbreak and response. The VOHUN National Coordinating Office will disseminate and share the OHW-NG COVID-19 ECHO series information to lecturers and students and encourage them to participate in the Virtual

Community of Practice. The goal is not only to gain knowledge about COVID-19 but also to help connect VOHUN with other country networks in the region as well as the AFROHUN network.

The COVID-19 outbreak will be used to develop an outbreak case study to be included in the short-term One Health training courses and One Health field site trainings for students. VOHUN also plans to expand the network to include participation of other medical, veterinary and environmental universities, as a part of their long-term goal.



## **SUCCESS STORY VOHUN**

### **One Health Students Safely Engaging Communities to Raise Awareness of Risk During COVID-19**

The rapid global spread of COVID-19 has affected every community around the globe. These communities are concerned about how they can protect themselves from the virus and as a response to this, the VOHUN student network began engagement activities to raise awareness in the local communities.

In March 2020, the One Health Student Club at Hanoi Medical University (HOH) with the support from the Vietnam One Health University Network National Coordinating Office (VOHUN NCO) held an online community meeting on Facebook to provide information about COVID-19 and host a Q&A session on the club's homepage. With support from the Institute of Preventive Medicine and Public Health (IPMPH) and the VOHUN NCO, the students produced a video clip on guidance for how to prevent exposure to COVID-19. The club also organized a Q&A for audiences to send in their questions related to the COVID-19 virus and COVID-19 outbreak. Answers were provided by the club with support from IPMPH lecturers and Public Health experts and the club made them available on their homepage. Questions included: How can medical students protect themselves while learning at hospital? Does Chloroquine use treat the COVID-19 virus?

Considering the zoonotic origins of COVID-19, and the complexity of the resources needed to combat the virus, it has become critical to involve various health sectors applying a One Health approach to outbreak response efforts. With support from VOHUN, the One Health Student Clubs using their One Health knowledge have helped to raise awareness around COVID 19 for other students and local communities in communities. As result, through those activities, the students shared their passion to other students in different faculties, each of them an ambassador to provide up-to-date accurate COVID-19 information to others.